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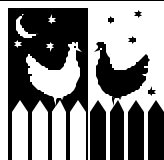
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand was disappointing to fair with slightly better movement into fast food for promotional activity; otherwise, interest was scarce. Supplies were at least adequate with discounts available to help clear excess product. In the parts structure, availability of all items was more than sufficient for the light and selective buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 65.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on November 01, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	197.00
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	97.00

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with very limited trading and purchasing only done on a much needed basis. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading continued to be void of interest. Availability was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained limited during midweek trading as dealers continued cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were readily available.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole fryers was about steady to weak. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were plentiful on heavy sized Wogs, and varied on lighter weight product. Buyers remained disinterested and cautious as several noted pipelines were full. Retail and food service movement was discouraging and quiet for the most part, occasionally fairly good into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were desirable to heavy. Parts items were slow to clear with activity only for immediate needs. Supplies of all items were fully available. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on all items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were ample. Buying interest was fair but cautious. Retail demand was moderate overall, best for parts and to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 10/27/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	166,817	146,377
CHICKS PLACED	145,163	139,655
19 STATES		
EGGS SET	186,481	-
CHICKS PLACED	164,226	-

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 167 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 27, 2001 were 6.31 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 148.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.21 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 31, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	927	108.00-190.00	118-125	125.64	BREAST - B/S	994	108.00-190.00	115-125	123.99
TENDERLOINS	201	115.00-210.00	115-120	132.04	TENDERLOINS	185	110.00-210.00	-	125.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	63.00-68.00	-	66.38	BREAST - LINE RUN	108	62.00-68.00	63-65	65.92
FRONT HALVES	115	57.00-61.00	-	58.22	FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	250	39.00-56.00	-	46.32	LEGS	169	39.00-56.00	39-42	41.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.36	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	27.50-33.00	28-29	28.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,211	31.00-35.50	31-32	32.20	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	30.00-35.00	30-32	31.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	273	88.00-100.00	97-99	98.04	WINGS (WHOLE)	273	85.00-100.00	96-99	97.66
WINGS (CUT)	532	100.00-119.00	105-109	109.02	WINGS (CUT)	500	97.00-118.00	104-108	107.13
DRUMSTICKS	69	50.00-56.00	-	50.78	DRUMSTICKS	69	39.00-56.00	-	41.22
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	55	89.00-96.00	-	91.55	B/S THIGHS	60	86.00-96.00	-	89.33

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 47.00	43.79	42.75 - 48.00	44.48	44.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained light during midweek trading as dealers remained very cautious and attempted to maintain lean inventories. Offerings of breast items were ample. Legs, drumsticks and leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail channels was mostly fair, with best interest centering around the occasional promotion. Distributive channels were slow as floorstocks were reduced and space was made for the seasonal items entering the market. The market tone was weak and unsettled.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120	123.72	492,780		BREAST - B/S	115-120	122.88	379,400	
TENDERLOINS	115	113.80	140,679		TENDERLOINS	110	110.68	75,440	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.81	235,120		BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.90	294,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.88	170,400		BREAST - LINE RUN	56	60.58	127,680	
LEGS	42-43	45.25	165,800		LEGS	41-42	47.05	137,040	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.79	575,814		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.87	400,259	
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	42.16	140,330		DRUMSTICKS	39-40	44.06	91,470	
THIGHS	37-38	43.53	61,170		THIGHS	37-38	41.55	75,580	
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.21	88,750		B/S THIGHS	86-87	90.01	48,620	
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	97.72	290,560		WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	100.54	262,800	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	39,360		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	58,320	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.51	12,400		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	38.05	14,280	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	52.94	38,340		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.56	29,800	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		AVG				AVG			
		ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL
		10/31	10/30	10/29	10/26	10/29	10/26	10/24	10/22
ALA		3,951	4,109	4,033	4,157	5.19	5.10	3,949	5.16
ARK		5,216	5,371	4,740	5,464	5.11	4.94	5,076	5.02
DELMARVA		2,256	2,287	2,288	2,177	5.12	4.95	2,262	5.11
KY-LA-TN		1,996	1,959	1,981	1,896	4.69	4.51	1,996	4.55
MISS		2,895	2,851	2,816	2,834	5.47	4.98	2,609	5.16
NC		2,637	2,624	2,535	2,713	6.03	5.73	2,594	5.92
TEXAS		2,406	2,411	2,375	2,506	4.95	4.75	2,359	5.09
TOTAL		21,357	21,612	20,768	21,747	5.23	5.02	20,845	5.15
MON-WED 64,157 (A)		63,253 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Oct 01 and is estimated to be 31,952,000 up 2.15 percent from a week ago and up 0.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,280,000; last year 31,700,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-96
	DRY PACK	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV 3-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/03/01 (1)	10/27/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,992 (2)	161,673
LT HENS	1,926	2,015
HVY HENS	1,379	1,370
CHECK TOTAL	165,297	165,058

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Nov-01 is 155.4 million head compared to 158.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.3 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 10-Nov-01 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 29-Oct-01	177,665	59,387
AM 1-Oct-01	198,453	57,300
CHG	-20,788	2,087
PCT CHG	-10	4

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/29/01	10/22/01	10/30/00	10/29/01	10/22/01	10/30/00
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	18,918	18,036	17,763	3,378	3,109	8,812
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	1,703	2,224	264	1,598	1,594	2,525

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-58
VACUUMPACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-67

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

				FOR 10/30/01			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.10	.80	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.25	2.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	.50	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	.45	.38	MIXED FOWL ea.	.25	4.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.20	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	1.05	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.50	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.30	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.30	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	6.75	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.70	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	1.05	.69	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.40	1.05	.69	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.10	.80	.42	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.15	1.02	RABBITS ea.	.75	5.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.35	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.50	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.50	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	1.10	3.50	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 131							

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 26, 2001

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	51.93	127.37	78.38	19.60	19.60	48.99
High	58.79	137.17	88.18	24.49	24.49	48.99
Mostly	56.34	137.17	88.18	19.60	24.49	48.99
SAN JUAN						
Low	7.35	122.47	83.28	29.39	17.15	46.54
High	58.79	137.17	93.08	36.74	22.05	46.54
Mostly	56.34	127.37	83.28	31.84	19.60	46.54
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.44	127.37	73.48	19.60	19.60	51.44
High	59.28	137.17	88.18	24.49	24.49	51.44
Mostly	56.34	127.37	78.38	19.60	24.49	51.44
BECERRA						
Low	56.34	127.37	83.28	34.29	17.15	44.09
High	60.75	137.17	93.08	39.19	22.05	44.09
Mostly	56.34	132.27	83.28	36.74	17.15	44.09

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as sluggish. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was at best steady. In the parts complex, all items remained at least adequate for the limited buying interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.23
NO. OF BOXES	8,790

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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